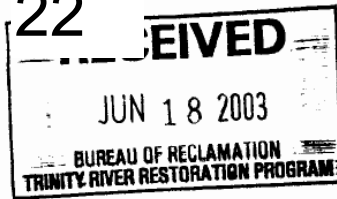


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June 16, 2003

Trinity County Restoration Program
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RE: Salt Flat Bridge Replacement

Dear Sirs:

As property owners in Salt Flat, we intend this letter to be a matter of record that we support the "Proposed Action" bridge site and ownership as stipulated in the Environmental Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Report dated May 5, 2003.

It is our understanding there is some opposition to the proposed action recommendation and the opposition feels the bridge should be made public, the argument being that expenditure of public funds should mandate the bridge be under public ownership. We offer the following comments of disagreement:

1. It was a government decision to raise the Trinity River water to a level that endangers the existing private Salt Flat bridge. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the government to correct the problem with a modification or replacement of the existing structure which would be as close to its current location as possible and remain under private ownership, while ensuring the decision will address the problem the government created.

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The only alternatives offered in the plan to meet these conditions is the "No Action" alternative or the "Proposed Action." Since the "No Action" alternative does not address the problem, the only clear choice is the "Proposed Action" alternative.

2. It is not only interesting, but an insult to our intelligence, for proponents of a public bridge at Salt Flat to base their argument on it being improper to expend government funding to build a private structure. We have been told there is no interest by any parties to make the proposed bridges at Biggers Road and Poker Bar public. This leads to the conclusion that the interest to make the Salt Flat bridge public is purely personal, and the use of government funds is being used as a weak argument to support their personal agenda.

Again, we would point out that the government created the problem and the government needs to correct the problem by leaving the end result as close to its current location as possible and under private ownership.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn & Helen Rock", written in a cursive style.

Glenn & Helen Rock

cc: Trinity County Planning Commission
Trinity County Board of Supervisors, c/o Dave Klipp
Trinity County Planning Dept., c/o Tom Stokely

RESPONSE TO COMMENT: 22

Glenn & Helen Rock

22-a: Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted, and will be transmitted to the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and federal officials for their consideration in connection with the merits of the proposed project. No further response is required.